

HOUSE BILL 2477

By Shepard

AN ACT to name a bridge on State Route 48 in Dickson County in honor of the late Lieutenant Colonel Malcolm Glenn Hicks, United States Air Force.

WHEREAS, from time to time, the members of this General Assembly have seen fit to name certain highways and bridges to honor those exemplary military officers who served this nation with courage, dedication, and ability; and

WHEREAS, Malcolm Glenn Hicks was born May 6, 1922, the son of Daniel Corinne and Minnie Katherine Fussell Hicks of Charlotte, and the grandson of William Erwin and Margaret May Leech Hicks, Jr. and Macke Henry and Margaret Serena Nicks Fussell, all of Dickson County; and

WHEREAS, Malcolm Glenn Hicks graduated from Charlotte High School in 1940 and also attended UT Martin and Memphis State College; and

WHEREAS, Malcolm Glenn Hicks, as a teenager, attended Water Street Church of Christ, the church building which was built by his grandfather in 1913; and

WHEREAS, Malcolm Glenn Hicks bravely served his country as a pilot in the 406 Fighter Group of the United States Army Air Corps during World War II, flying daily sorties over Belgium and France in his P47 "Thunderbolt" fighter; and

WHEREAS, Malcolm Glenn Hicks flew 4 missions amid enemy fire over Normandy in support of the allied D-Day landing on June 6, 1944; and

WHEREAS, Malcolm Glenn Hicks sustained serious injuries when his plane crashed in France as a result of enemy fire; and

WHEREAS, Malcolm Glenn Hicks was awarded several medals and ribbons during his illustrious military career, including the Purple Heart, Air Medal with 4 Oak Leaf Clusters, and the Air Force Commendation Medal; and

WHEREAS, Malcolm Glenn Hicks served in the occupation of Germany, flying the Berlin Air Lift and piloting various aircraft such as the B-25 and B-52 during tours of duty in multiple countries and continents throughout his military career; and

WHEREAS, Malcolm Glenn Hicks retired from the United States Air Force after 24 years of service at the rank of Lieutenant Colonel; and

WHEREAS, Malcolm Glenn Hicks returned to Dickson County where he received his real estate broker's license; he then rendered exceptional service to the public with R.L. Nicks Realty and Ragan's Five Rivers Realty and Auction Company for the next 45 years, during which time he served as President of the local Realtor's Association in 1976; and

WHEREAS, Malcolm Glenn Hicks was respected as a businessman of honesty and integrity for over 45 years in Dickson County; and

WHEREAS, Malcolm Glenn Hicks faithfully supported the maintenance and upkeep of the Charlotte Cemetery where he is now buried; and

WHEREAS, Malcolm Glenn Hicks passed away on March 22, 2011; and

WHEREAS, Malcolm Glenn Hicks married Barbara Trinkle on January 1, 1946, and he was the father of three children, Daniel G. Hicks, Sr., Virginia Hicks McIntosh, and William G. Hicks; and

WHEREAS, Malcolm Glenn Hicks was the proud grandfather of seven grandchildren, Daniel G. Hicks, Jr., Phillip A. Hicks, Dale McIntosh, Corinne McIntosh, Drew Hicks, and Justin Hicks; and

WHEREAS, Malcolm Glenn Hicks was a longtime member of the Walnut Church of Christ, serving as a Deacon for many years; and

WHEREAS, no Tennessean is more deserving of this honor than the late Lieutenant Colonel Malcolm Glenn Hicks, United States Air Force; and

WHEREAS, the Dickson County Legislative Body has petitioned this General Assembly to name a certain bridge on State Route 48 in Lt. Colonel Hicks' honor to commemorate his life of purpose and commitment to his fellow Americans; now, therefore,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the bridge on State Route 48 that spans Water Street in Charlotte in Dickson County is hereby designated the "Lt. Colonel Malcolm Glenn Hicks Memorial Bridge" as a lasting tribute to one of the most distinguished military officers and public servants this state has ever produced.

SECTION 2. The department of transportation is directed to erect suitable signs or to affix suitable markers designating the bridge described in Section 1 as the "Lt. Colonel Malcolm Glenn Hicks Memorial Bridge".

SECTION 3. The erection of such signs shall be within the guidelines prescribed by the *Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices*.

SECTION 4. This act shall become operative only if the federal highway administrator advises the commissioner of transportation in writing that the provisions of this act shall not render Tennessee in violation of federal laws and regulations and subject to penalties prescribed therein.

SECTION 5. This act shall become operative only if the cost of the manufacture and installation of such signs is paid to the department of transportation from non-state funds within one (1) year of the effective date of this act. Such payment shall be made prior to any expenditure by the state for the manufacture or installation of such signs. The department shall return any unused portion of the estimated cost to the person or entity paying for such signs within thirty (30) days of the erection of such signs. If the actual cost exceeds the estimated cost, an amount equal to the difference in such costs shall be remitted to the department in non-

state funds within thirty (30) days of the sponsoring person or entity receiving an itemized invoice of the actual cost from the department.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.